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"The growing of Yugoslav tobacco and, in particular, the type grown, depends on the climate and the soil of the district. The four main tobacco growing districts are the following:

1. Macedonia - comprising the whole of Yugoslav Macedonia and the southern lands of Serbia.
2. Hercegovina - comprising Hercegovina, Dalmatia, Montenegro, and Istra.
3. Valley of Drina-Morava - comprising central Serbia and the east coast of Bosnia.
4. Voivodina - comprising the Voivodina region.

MACEDONIAN DISTRICT

"This district is situated in the south-eastern part of Yugoslavia, that is, the whole of the Macedonian territory and the southern part of Serbia. Macedonia is a very mountainous district crossed by many valleys. Each of these valleys is favoured by a climate, a geographic and pedologic situation most suitable to the culture of Oriental tobaccos.

"1. 'Yaka' type - This type of tobacco is grown on 'Yaka' soil, which is a red soil, slightly hilly, warm and dry and which contains no nitrogen. This district is influenced by the Mediterranean climate and is linked to the Aegean sea by numerous valleys. Tobacco of the 'Yaka'

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type has small and light leaves, very delicate, the aroma is very agreeable, the colour is yellowish-orange and it is very good smoking. It is used for the manufacture of cigarettes to give a sweet aroma to the blend and burns well.

"2. 'Prilep' type - This type is also grown on 'Yaka' soil, it has a penetrating and intensive aroma, is highly coloured, the leaves are small and very elastic and it is very agreeable to smoke. Tobacco of the 'Prilep' type is much sought after by cigarette manufacturers the world over.

"3. 'Otlia' type - This type is grown on flat, warm, light ground which can be irrigated. The 'Otlia' type is recognizable by its big, slim, light leaves of bright yellow colour. Its taste is very agreeable, the fiber is elastic and it burns very easily.

HERCEGOVINA DISTRICT

"This district is within the extraordinary influence of the Adriatic climate. The tobaccos grown on these grounds are the 'Tantch'e' and 'Ravnyac' which have a special aroma. The leaves are very fine and elastic of a golden yellow colour. These qualities of tobacco are also very much sought after by cigarette manufacturers because of their aroma and the facility with which they can be cut. These tobaccos are grown both in hilly and flat countries, in light, warm and porous soil.

DRINA-MORAVA DISTRICT

"This district is situated in the center of Serbia, under a continental climate and near forests. The tobacco is grown in the valleys where the 'Prosetchan' quality flourishes best; it is a very strong tobacco. This quality is usually used by the cigarette industry only to strengthen the smoke. This district is also under the influence of the continental climate pertaining to the plain of this region. Here is planted tobacco with big leaves known as 'Seguedinska Rougea', 'Tissa', and 'Debretzin'. Of these three qualities the best is 'Seguedinska Rougea'. It is grown on very fertile ground rich in humus. Voivodina tobacco is used in the manufacture of cigarette and pipe tobacco.

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on the production of tobacco in Yugoslavia
(in tons - 2240 lbs.)

Year	Total Crop	Macedonian Crop	Other districts together
1946	18,500.-	10,289.-	8,211.-
1947	39,500.-	21,724.-	17,776.-
1948	27,400.-	13,560.-	13,840.-
1949	25,800.-	12,540.-	13,260.-
1950	14,384.-	7,946.-	6,438.-
1951	27,800.-	12,804.-	14,996.-
1952	16,100.-	7,735.-	8,335.-
1953	29,500.-	15,500.-	14,000.-

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"P. S. The 1953 Macedonian crop is subdivided as follows:

1) Prilep Type	Kilos 6,700,000
Stroumitca Type	" 1,700,000
Oblja type	" 3,500,000
Skopje Type	" 1,500,000
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